

A Typical Day in Propagation

A typical day in Propagation lasts about 3 hours. Sometimes more, rarely less.

Unlock all the gates. The combination to the two large gates is 927. All other gates are 821.

Unlock the soil carts, the transport carts and the white cabinet. The East and West Greenhouses will be unlocked by the co-chairs or the Greenhouse Keeper.

Inventory what needs to be propagated that day by checking the intake table. Check with the Greenhouse Keeper for any plants in the greenhouses that may need up-potting, as well as any plants that are ready to come out onto the nursery shelves.

Pull out the soil carts and water them down to prepare for the day's propagating.

Gather the black pots you will need, **making sure all labels are either removed or blackened out with a marker.** Also, grab a black tub and any tools you will need for propagating (trowel, gloves, hormone, chopstick, snippers, etc).

The priority is to propagate all new cuttings first, then pot up any rooted plants that were donated. When that is done we can start on up-potting. Always fertilize any plants that are either up-potted (or rooted transplants) with **Super Bloom** (The high phosphate count helps the plants recover from, or prevent, transplant shock and helps with root development). If they do not have roots, do not fertilize (it won't hurt them, but it's a waste of fertilizer!).

Propagated cuttings will always go into either the East or West Greenhouse. (Always check with Greenhouse Keeper before you take anything in or out of the greenhouses).

Rooted plants may be able to go directly out on the shelves in the nursery, it is weather and plant species dependent.

Load the propagated cuttings into a transport cart and take them to the greenhouses and place them where directed (we try to keep them in order by date). (When in doubt, just ask the GH Keeper)

Check with Chairs to see if any other jobs need to be done, such as: pruning, weeding, Digging for Dollar\$, cleaning GH floors, hauling the trash, etc..

At the end of the day our area is cleaned and locked up. Clean all prop tools; clean, disinfect and sharpen your personal tools. Fill soil carts before putting away and locking up. Place black tubs in transport carts and put away and lock up. Close and lock all gates. Make sure East/West greenhouses are locked and Myrtle is closed up (unless it's triple digits, then we leave the doors open about a foot). **Who ever's turn it is to clean the yellow tags needs to take them home.**